

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sadayuki WATANABE *et al.*

Application Serial No. 10/578,681

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For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC  
RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD FOR  
PRODUCTION OF THE SAME, AND  
MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

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Examiner: Lisa N. Chau

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed April 9, 2009, Applicants hereby respond on May 5, 2009, and hereby elect the invention covered by Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a perpendicular magnetic recording medium. Applicants further reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

An action on the merits is requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, under Order No.32307-230955.

Respectfully submitted,

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